

## EXHIBIT 32

### MODEL LETTER EXPLAINING TO PROVIDER THAT ONE-STORY PROTECTED WOOD FRAME FACILITY DOES NOT MEET SPRINKLER EQUIVALENCY STANDARD

(Date)

Provider Name

Address

City, State, ZIP Code

Dear (**Provider Name**):

The Department of Health and Human Services has established sprinkler equivalency criteria for one-story protected wood frame facilities. The criteria are:

- A. All hazardous areas must be sprinklered;
- B. Automatic fire detection devices must be installed in all areas required by the Life Safety Code to be protected by an automatic sprinkler system. The detection equipment shall be listed in U.L.'s Fire Protection Equipment List. The system shall be arranged to close all fire doors in barrier partitions and where possible shall be hooked into the local fire department or central control. At a minimum, the detection system shall activate an alarm system inside and outside the building;
- C. Patient rooms are separated from each other and all other areas by construction having at least a 1-hour fire resistance rating; and
- D. The response time and capability of the local fire department shall, in the judgment of the State fire authority, be adequate to provide an acceptable level of protection for the unsprinklered facility.

(Your facility does not meet requirement(s) \_\_\_\_\_). The State fire authority has advised us that criterion D is not met, and it will be necessary for you to either install a sprinkler system or take action to achieve equivalency in order to meet the fire safety requirements.

We would appreciate your advising us by (**15 days**) what action you intend to take.

**(Name)**

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**(Date)**

If you disagree with our records as to your facility's type of construction or fire safety deficiencies, or have any further questions, you should get in touch with us immediately.

Sincerely yours,

Director State Agency